



MINUTES

CITY OF UNION CITY / SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REGULAR MEETING

GARY SINGH, Mayor
SCOTT SAKAKIHARA, Vice Mayor (District 4)
LANCE NISHIHARA, Councilmember (District 1)
JAMIE PATIÑO, Councilmember (District 2)
JEFF WANG, Councilmember (District 3)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 | 7:00 PM

City Hall - Tom Kitayama City Council Chambers
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA 94587

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Singh called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. He announced that Councilmember Wang was participating remotely via teleconference, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953, and that his location had been properly noticed in accordance with the Brown Act.

1.2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Present
Councilmember Nishihara	Yes
Councilmember Patiño	Yes
Councilmember Wang	Yes (Remote, arrived at 7:22 PM, left at 8:48 PM)
Vice Mayor Sakakihara	Yes
Mayor Singh	Yes

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Presentation on the 2025 Safe and Sane Fireworks Public Education and Outreach Plan

Management Analyst II Segarra provided staff presentation and responded to questions from council members.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Singh opened Oral Communications. The following speakers spoke during Oral Communications. Since there were no speakers, Mayor Singh closed Oral Communications.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Vice Mayor Sakakihara

SECONDER: Councilmember Nishihira

AYES: Councilmembers Nishihira, Patiño, Wang, Vice Mayor Sakakihara, and Mayor Singh

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5.1. Approve the June 10, 2025 City Council Special Study Session Action Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

5.2. Approve the June 10, 2025 City Council Special Closed Session Action Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

5.3. Approve the June 10, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Action Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

5.4. Approve the June 17, 2025 City Council Special Study Session Action Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

5.5. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Gann Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

A motion was made to adopt the resolution.

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2025-082

5.6. Adopt a Resolution Approving an Amendment to Update the Class Specifications for the Classifications of Human Resources Manager

A motion was made to adopt the resolution.

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2025-083

- 5.7. **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Cast an Assessment Ballot on Behalf of the City of Union City as an Owner of the Union City Transit Center (APN: 463-014- 002-00) Regarding the Union Landing Property and Business Improvement District Assessment and Directing the City Manager to Vote “Yes” for the Parcel**

A motion was made to adopt the resolution.

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2025-084

- 5.8. **Waive Further Reading and Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Union City Approving and Re-Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy as Stated in Chapter 2.62, "Military Equipment Use Policy" of the Union City Municipal Code in Compliance With Assembly Bill 481**

A motion was made to adopt the ordinance.

Enactment No.: Ordinance No. 2025-004

- 5.9. **Waive Further Reading and Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Union City Amending Section 2.20.040 “Commissioner Attendance Standards” and Section 2.20.100 “Ethics/AB 1234 Training Requirements” of the Union City Municipal Code Related to Commission Standards**

A motion was made to adopt the ordinance.

Enactment No.: Ordinance No. 2025-005

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6.1. **Conduct a Public Hearing, Confirm the Assessment and Order the Levy for the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

Public Works Director Ayupan provided staff presentation to the Council and responded to questions from council members.

Mayor Singh opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 PM. Seeing no speakers, Mayor Singh closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM.

Motion: adopt the attached resolution to accomplish the following:

- 1. Confirm the assessments as described in the annual Engineer’s Report.**
- 2. Levy the assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.**
- 3. Direct City staff, with the assistance of its consultant NBS, to prepare and submit the levy of assessments to Alameda County for placement on the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 secured property tax roll.**

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Councilmember Patiño

SECONDER: Councilmember Sakakihara

AYES: Councilmembers Nishihira, Patiño, Wang, Vice Mayor Sakakihara, and Mayor Singh

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2025-085

6.2. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2025-2026 & FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2025-2026 through FY 2029-2030 and Adoption of a Resolution Approving the FY 2025-2026 & FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2025-2026 through FY 2029-2030

Finance Director Acosta began her staff presentation to the Council regarding Transit Funds, Transit-Related Projects, and Alvarado-Niles Road Corridor Projects.

Mayor Singh recused himself from this portion of the meeting due to an economic conflict of interest. The City has a contract with MV Transportation, Inc. to operate UC Transit, and certain funds in the Capital Improvement Plan may impact or support that contract. Because MV Transportation, Inc. leases real property from Mayor Singh, it is a source of income to him. Accordingly, he has a conflict of interest concerning the Transit Fund, Paratransit Fund, Union City Transit Short Range Transit Plan, Transit Heavy-Duty Battery EV Procurement, and the Union City Transit Fleet Electrification Project. Additionally, pursuant to Government Code Section 1091, Mayor Singh disclosed a remote interest due to the lease agreement with MV Transportation, Inc. He further stated that he has an economic conflict of interest regarding the Alvarado-Niles Road Multimodal Corridor Study, the Alvarado-Niles and Decoto Road Corridor Lighting Study, and the Alvarado-Niles Road Part-Time Transit Lanes Pilot, as his residence is located within proximity to the study area.

Mayor Singh left the Chambers.

Vice Mayor Sakakihara chaired this portion of the item. Finance Director continued with staff presentation. She, City Attorney Kokotaylo, and Public Works Director Ayupan responded to questions from the council members.

Vice Mayor Sakakihara opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM. Wendy Huang spoke on this portion of the item. With no further speakers, Vice Mayor Sakakihara closed the Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Motion: Motion to approve the Transit Funds, Transit-Related Projects, and the Alvarado-Niles Road Corridor Projects.

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Councilmember Nishihira

SECONDER: Councilmember Patiño

AYES: Councilmembers Nishihira, Patiño, Wang, and Vice Mayor Sakakihara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: Mayor Singh

Mayor Singh returned to the dais to chair the rest of the meeting.

Finance Director Acosta continued with her staff presentation regarding the Citywide Biennial Budget of all funds and responded to questions from the council.

Mayor Singh opened the Public Hearing at 8:31 PM. Wendy Huang spoke on this portion of the item. With no further speakers, Mayor Singh closed the Public Hearing at 8:34 PM.

Motion: Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-2026 & FY 2026-2027 Biennial Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2025-2026 through FY 2029-2030.

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Councilmember Patiño

SECONDER: Councilmember Nishihira

AYES: Councilmembers Nishihira, Patiño, Wang, Vice Mayor Sakakihara, and Mayor Singh

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2025-086

7. CITY MANAGER REPORTS

- 7.1. **Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 3 to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Project Funding Agreement No. A22- 0053 to Accept an Additional \$3,995,000, for a Total Amount of \$8,996,191, for the Final Design of Phase (Segment) 2 for the Quarry Lakes Parkway (East West Connector) Project, City Project No. 18-04**

Management Analyst II Segarra provided staff presentation. Public Works Director Ayupan responded to questions from Council members.

Mayor Singh opened Public Comment. Andreas Kadavanich (Bike Fremont) spoke on the item. Seeing no other speakers, Mayor Singh closed Public Comment.

Motion: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Project Funding Agreement No. A22-0053 to accept an additional \$3,995,000, for a total amount of \$8,996,191, for the final design of Phase (Segment) 2 for the Quarry Lakes Parkway (East West Connector) Project, City Project No. 18-04.

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Mayor Singh

SECONDER: Councilmember Patiño

AYES: Councilmember Patiño, Vice Mayor Sakakihara, and Mayor Singh

NOES: Councilmembers Nishihira

ABSENT: Councilmember Wang

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2025-087

7.2. Adopt a Resolution Amending the Medical, Dental and Vision Benefits Provided to the City Council

City Attorney Kokotaylo provided staff presentation and responded to questions from the council members.

Mayor Singh opened Public Comment. Seeing no speakers, Mayor Singh closed Public Comment.

Motion: Adopt a resolution amending the medical, dental, and vision benefits provided to the City Council.

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Vice Mayor Sakakihara

SECONDER: Councilmember Patiño

AYES: Councilmembers Nishihira, Patiño, Vice Mayor Sakakihara, and Mayor Singh

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Wang

Enactment Nos.: Resolution No. 2025-088

9. AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES

There were none.

10. CITY COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were none.

11. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

Councilmember Patiño reported on the League of California Cities meeting.

Vice Mayor Sakakihara reported on the League of California Cities' Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations Policy Committee, the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda, Ava Community Energy, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Councilmember Nishihira reported that the next Legislation and Policy Committee meeting will be held on July 14. He also plans to attend upcoming meetings of the Human Relations Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Alameda County Library Commission.

Mayor Singh had nothing to report.

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Patiño reported that he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Good Vibes Eat on Smith Street, the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California Gala, and the Youth Cinema Project's Youth Film Festival at Century Theaters with Mayor Singh. He also asked staff to follow up regarding plans referenced in Item 7.1 that had not been shared with the Council.

Councilmember Patiño also shared his recent visit to San Antonio, Texas, where he met with former San Antonio City Councilmember Dr. Adriana Rocha. He reflected on their shared work through the National League of Cities, emphasizing the nonpartisan

collaboration that occurs at both the state and national levels for the benefit of local communities. He acknowledged Dr. Rocha's service and expressed appreciation for the ideals of local government and public service.

Vice Mayor Sakakihara reported that the League of California Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee met on June 12 to discuss budget-related matters, including potential impacts of a proposed 50/50 sales tax split for online purchases. He noted concerns about legislative flexibility that could allow a 10% adjustment in either direction, and shared that analysis is underway on how this could affect cities with distribution center revenues. The Vice Mayor also reported his attendance at the Filipino Bar Association dinner in Oakland.

He also reported attending the ribbon cutting for Union City Transit's new bus shelters on June 13, calling it a significant milestone. He was unable to participate in the Youth Cinema Project event later that day, but noted it was well-attended.

Lastly, Vice Mayor Sakakihara commented on the Quarry Lakes Parkway item, stating he supported the funding agreement but requested that future agenda items related to the project include a summary of public concerns and how the City plans to address them.

Councilmember Nishihira commented on recent hate-motivated incidents across the region, emphasizing the importance of continued community unity and vigilance. He also expressed disappointment in the low customer attendance at Don Julio's catering and restaurant on 11th Street in the Station District and encouraged greater support for new local businesses, suggesting that staff could coordinate a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Mayor Singh commended City staff for their responsiveness and service improvements over the past few months, noting a significant decrease in constituent complaints. He encouraged staff to continue proactive communication with residents. He also expressed interest in formally recognizing the youth filmmakers featured at the Youth Cinema Project's film festival and asked staff to explore the possibility of proclaiming in their honor.

Lastly, Mayor Singh reported attending the 93rd Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Tampa, Florida. He shared updates from sessions on housing shortages, public-private partnerships, environmental initiatives, tree planting, and sustainable urban planning. He noted that cities are encouraged to be more self-reliant and creative in securing resources, particularly in addressing climate change and supporting small businesses.

13. CLOSED SESSION

There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Singh adjourned the meeting at 9:42 PM.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Union City on July 8, 2025.

/s/Thai Nam Pham, MMC, CPMC
City Clerk